

CLAIMS

1. A system for establishing a communication link with a first computing device, the first computing device having a phone number associated therewith, said system comprising:

a second computing device having a speed-dial system, a first actuator and a menu, said computing device being configured to transmit image data, said menu being configured to enable programming of said second computing device, said speed-dial system being configured to:

receive a first user input corresponding to actuation of said first actuator;

determine whether a phone number is associated with said first actuator; and

enable the user to associate a first phone number with said first actuator without accessing said menu such that, after the user associates a phone number with the first actuator, said second computing device speed-dials the phone number in response to actuation of said first actuator to establish a communication link with the first computing device.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein said computing device includes number keys; and

wherein, upon actuation of said first actuator, said speed-dial system enables the user to associate the phone number with said first actuator by only using said number keys.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein said first actuator is a button.

4. The system of claim 2, wherein said second computing device is configured to provide a graphical user interface; and

wherein said first actuator is a component of said graphical user interface.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein said computing device includes number keys and a second actuator; and

wherein, upon actuation of said first actuator and then said second actuator, said speed-dial system enables the user to associate the phone number with said first actuator by only using said number keys.

6. The system of claim 5, wherein said computing device includes a display screen; and

wherein, in response to receiving an input corresponding to actuation of said first actuator and determining that a phone number is not associated with said first actuator, said computing device is configured to inform the user, via said display device, that a phone number can be associated with said first actuator by entering the phone number with said number keys.

7. The system of claim 5, wherein said computing device is configured to associate a phone number entered via said number keys after receiving an input corresponding to actuation of said second actuator.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein said computing device is facsimile machine.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein said computing device is a multi-function device.
10. The system of claim 1, wherein said computing device includes means for associating a phone number with said first actuator.
11. The system of claim 1, wherein said computing device includes means for acquiring image data.
12. The system of claim 1, wherein the image data corresponds to a document.
13. A method for establishing a communication link between a first computing device and a second computing device, said method comprising:
 - providing a first actuator and a menu associated with the first computing device, the menu being configured to enable programming of the first computing device;
 - receiving a first user input corresponding to actuation of the first actuator;
 - determining whether a phone number is associated with the first actuator;
 - if a phone number is not associated with the first actuator, enabling the user to associate a first phone number with the first actuator without accessing the menu of the first computing device; and
 - if a phone number is associated with the first actuator, speed-dialing the phone number to establish a communication link with the second computing device.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the first computing device includes number keys; and

wherein enabling the user to associate a first phone number with the first actuator comprises:

enabling the user to associate the first phone number with the first actuator by only using the number keys.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein the first computing device includes a display screen; and

further comprising:

informing the user, via the display device, that a phone number can be associated with the first actuator by entering the phone number with the number keys.

16. The method of claim 13, wherein the first computing device includes number keys and a second actuator; and

wherein enabling the user to associate a first phone number with the first actuator comprises:

enabling the user to associate the first phone number with the first actuator by only using the number keys after actuating the second actuator.

17. The method of claim 13, further comprising:
acquiring image data with the first computing device.

18. The method of claim 13, further comprising:
transmitting image data from the first computing device to the second
computing device via the communication link.
19. The method of claim 13, wherein the first computing device is a facsimile
machine.
20. The method of claim 13, wherein the first computing device is a multi-
function device.